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Executive Secretary
17 July 1986
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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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Dear Mr. Conaway,

I have just returned from a trip and found your letter about doing an authorized biography. I am flattered you would be interested in such an undertaking.

I don't have any writing plans at this time and have no idea what I will do later. I doubt that I would be ready to authorize a biography now but if you would like to stop by sometime we can talk about it. Why don't you call and arrange for a time.

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Yours,

Bill Casey
William J. Casey

Mr. James Conaway

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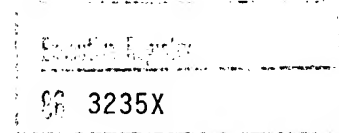


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JAMES CONAWAY



June 11

Dear Mr. Casey:

I have just finished a book about the American West for Houghton Mifflin, which they will publish in the spring. They are happy about it, and so am I. I took a leave from the Post to write it, and am back at the newspaper for the time being.

I have considered getting in touch with you often since we worked together on that profile for Style in 1983. I would like to write an authorized biography of you, with your participation, but have not made such a proposal for a couple of reasons. One is that you are a writer yourself, and presumably might have book plans of your own. Another is that you were busy. Both are still true, but this might be a better time to launch such a project, if you were interested.

Your career covers a lot of time and a lot of ground, all of it intrinsically interesting and much of it vital to the United States. Although you are an author yourself, you might find it easier and in some ways more satisfying to have your story told by a writer with some distance from the subject, although basically sympathetic.

I have written two novels and three books of non-fiction. I know such a book would be a great one, and if you have even the slightest interest in the idea I urge you to meet with me so we can at least discuss it.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Conway".

The Hon. William Casey
Director
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Washington, D.C. 20505



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